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From: BRS Secretariat (No-Reply) [no-reply@brsmeas.org]
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Subject: 16th meeting of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee (POPRC-16) to be held by electronic means, 11-16 January 2021
Attachments: POPRC-16 - Notifications for Observers.pdf; POPRC-16 - Provisional agenda.pdf; POPRC-16 - Registration form (Observers).docx

Dear Sir, Dear Madam,

The present communication is being sent to provide information on the agreed format for convening the sixteenth meeting of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee (POPRC-16). Please find attached **a notification from the Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention, the registration form and provisional agenda** of the meeting. Following the Secretariat's earlier communication dated 8 July 2020 (see below for ease of reference), the Bureau of the POPRC of the Stockholm Convention decided, taking into account the current COVID-19 pandemic situation globally, the continued high level of uncertainty that remains as to the situation in January 2021, the health risks for all participants, and the travel restrictions still imposed and faced by many countries, including Switzerland, as an exceptional measure in the current situation, that the POPRC-16 meeting will be held **online from 11 to 16 January 2021 (Monday to Saturday)**, taking into account certain adjustments given the online setting of the meeting.

The daily schedule for plenary sessions will be a 2-hour session per day, from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. (GMT+1) from Monday to Thursday, and two 2-hour sessions on Saturday from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. (GMT+1) and from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (GMT+1). Simultaneous interpretation into Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish will be assured in plenary sessions. Contact groups and drafting groups in English only will be established as needed throughout the week.

In addition, pre-meetings will be held from **1 to 3 December 2020** in English only, from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. (GMT+1). The pre-meetings will provide an early opportunity to introduce and discuss the technical work of the POPRC-16 (item 4 of the provisional agenda) with the aim to facilitate the work at the meeting and provide adequate opportunity to address the key issues within an online format. Members and observers are strongly encouraged to participate actively during the pre-meetings so as to significantly facilitate the work of the Committee during the meeting in January 2021. Further details of the pre-meetings will be communicated on the meeting website.

Please note that a number of webinars and technical trials will be organized to provide information to all participants on the objectives, possible outcomes, and working modalities of POPRC-16. The tentative schedule of work and the scenario note of the online POPRC-16 meeting, and further information on the webinars and technical trials will be made available in due course on the meeting website at: www.pops.int/poprc16.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Alain Wittig, Secretariat of the Basel Convention (e-mail: alain.wittig@brsmeas.org).

Best regards,
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From: BRS Secretariat (No-Reply)
Sent: 8 July, 2020 9:18 AM
Subject: Communication regarding the POPRC-16 of the Stockholm Convention

Dear Sir, dear Madam,

The present communication is being sent to provide updated information on the sixteenth meeting of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee (POPRC-16).

As previously communicated to you on 11 June 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic situation in Italy as well as globally, it is not feasible to organize POPRC-16 as initially planned as a face-to-face meeting in Rome, from 14 to 18 September 2020.

Taking into account the work requirements of the Committee as well as schedules of other major international meetings in particular those related to chemicals and waste, and following consultations with the members of the Committee and the Secretariat, the POPRC Bureau decided that the Committee will hold its sixteenth meeting from **11 to 15 January 2021**. The meeting could be held either face-to-face in Geneva, should the situation in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic permit, or otherwise online. The members of the Committee have been informed of the decision by the POPRC Bureau.

The decision on whether the meeting will be held face-to-face or online will be taken by early October 2020, to allow sufficient time for travel and other logistical arrangements, and will be communicated to you thereafter.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Alain Wittig, Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention (e-mail: alain.wittig@brsmeas.org).

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